CABRIOLET

USER GUIDE

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1 INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing a Chariot™ Cabriolet child carrier. This chassis is the key component of the world's premiere Child Transport System (CTS). Your new CTS carrier offers superior quality, safety features and comfort.

PLEASE NOTE:
All Chariot™ carriers are designed with the end consumer in mind and their desire for maximum flexibility & performance; in order to achieve this, the purchase of CTS conversion kit(s) is required allowing you to choose the activity you desire while also eliminating the need to purchase several dedicated child carriers. The four Chariot™ CTS Conversion Kits available for sale from your local dealer are:

CTS Strolling Kit

CTS Jogging Kit

CTS Bicycle Trailer Kit

CTS Hiking Kit

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Additional Manuals for using this carrier may be downloaded from www.chariotcarriers.com.
Great care has been taken in assembling this manual. Nevertheless, should you discover any errors, we would be grateful if you could bring them to our attention.

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1.1 MANUAL INTENDED USE

Who is this Manual intended for?
This Manual is intended for the purchaser and user of the carrier, who is also responsible for keeping it in proper condition, carrying out maintenance as prescribed and performing repairs.

When using this carrier with the Bicycle Trailer Kit, please also follow the owner's manual of the bicycle used for towing and the specifications there regarding the maximum allowable full load for the bicycle.

1.2 CARRIER INTENDED USE

Use as intended
The carrier is intended for use within the performance ranges specified for the carrying of children in daylight hours, on sidewalks, light traffic public roads, and smooth paths.

Luggage may also be carried in the storage bags intended for that purpose, provided the children in the carrier are not put at risk.

If the child carrier is used in conditions of poor visibility, at dusk or in the hours of darkness, it is highly recommended to be fitted with a safety approved working light set.

As part of the recommended use, you should also follow this Owner's Manual and comply with the prescribed maintenance requirements.

Use not recommended
Any use that goes beyond the above is not recommended.

Use not recommended is primarily the conveying of people together with animals, use of this carrier on rough off-road terrain, use for commercial purposes, overloading, excessive speed and improper repair of defects.

The manufacturer is not liable for damages arising from use that is not recommended – this is at the risk of the user.

1.3 SPECIFICATIONS

	Cabriolet
Maximum Load Carrying Capacity including passenger(s) and cargo combined	45 kg/100 lb
Number of child(ren)	1 or 2
Dimensions without handlebars (Length x Width x Height)	107 x 81 x 110 cm 42 x 32 x 43.5 in
Dimensions folded (Length x Width x Height)	97 x 78 x 28 cm 38 x 31 x 11 in
Weight of child carrier without CTS™ conversion kits	10.7 kg/ 24 lb
Maximum body height of passenger(s) Head / helmet must not stick out of the carrier frame	111 cm / 44 in

2 PARTS DESCRIPTION

INCLUDED

A. Cabriolet chassis
B. 2 - 20" Aluminum wheels
C. Parking Brake
D. Handlebar
E. 2 in 1 weather cover
(Not shown in photo)

3 SAFETY

The safe use of this child carrier is vital to the enjoyment of it. For that reason it is extremely important that you familiarize yourself with the safety instructions in this manual and follow them whenever you use this child carrier.

3.1 SYMBOLS AND INSTRUCTIONS

This owner's manual uses warnings and notices throughout to emphasize safety and optimal use information.

WARNING

Warnings provide instructions critical to the safe use and operation of this child carrier. Failure to follow these instructions could result in an accident, potentially causing serious injury or death to you and/or your passenger(s).

NOTICE

Notices provide additional instructions to make using the product easier.

3.2 GENERAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Read these instructions carefully before use and keep them for future reference. Your child's safety may be affected if you do not follow these instructions.

- Never leave a child unattended in this child carrier.
- Put on the park brake whenever you park this child carrier.
- Do not carry extra children or bags on this child carrier.
- This child carrier will become unstable if the manufacturer's recommended load is exceeded.
- Do not use with children who exceed the weight limitations.
- When using this child carrier with only one child, the child should be seated in the center seating position.

- The user of this child carrier must be aware of exposure hazards such as wind chill and heat exhaustion, either by less active children in prolonged exposure in colder temperatures, or by extended periods in warmer temperatures without adequate ventilation or hydration.
- Do not allow any of the children's body, clothing, shoe laces, or toys to come into contact with moving parts.
- Care must be taken when folding and unfolding this child carrier to prevent finger entrapment. Ensure children are clear of any moving parts, otherwise they may be injured.
- Do not install a car seat or any other seating device not approved by Thule Child Transport Systems Ltd. on this child carrier.
- Only use Thule Child Transport Systems Ltd. approved rack products otherwise this child carrier will become unstable if any other parcel bag or rack is used.
- Do not use any accessory products which are not approved by Thule Child Transport Systems Ltd.
- Do not use any cleaning solvents on this child carrier, clean only with mild soap and water.
- Make no modifications to this child carrier.
- Do not use this child carrier around or near an open fire or exposed flame.
- A reflector that complies with CPSC regulations shall be visible on the rear of this child carrier when it is used for cycling.
- Before each ride, ensure the attached child carrier does not interfere with braking, pedaling, or steering of the bicycle.
- Never ride a bicycle at night without adequate lighting. Obey all local legal requirements for lighting.

WARNING

This product is not suitable for skating.

WARNING

This product is not suitable for running unless a CTS™ Jogging Kit is attached.

4 GETTING STARTED

4.0 UNPACKING YOUR CARRIER

A. Open the box flaps and remove the staples.
B. Remove the handlebar from inside the box.
C. Lay the box on its side on a clean, sturdy surface.
D. Slide the carrier and wheels out of the box. (See image 1)
E. Remove and discard all packaging materials including the shipping box, the plastic bag, packing foam, silica desiccant packs, product tags and wheel packing discs.

NOTICE

This child carrier is not packaged with any CTS™ conversion kits. These kits are sold and packaged separately.

4.1 INCLUDED COMPONENTS

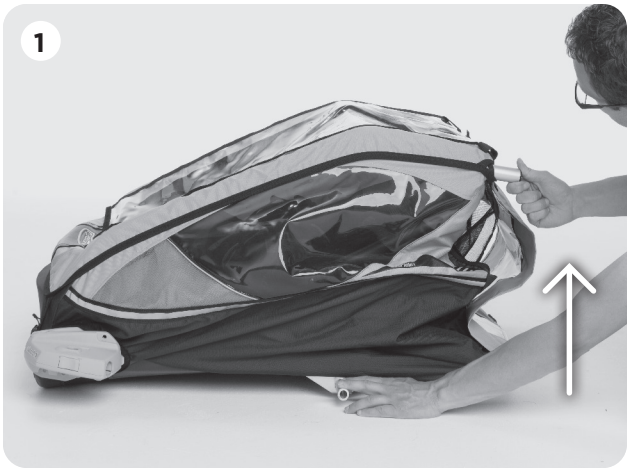
Verify that your carrier was packaged with the following items:

- Cabriolet Chassis
- Two-in-One Cover (on Chassis)
- Handlebar
- Two 20 inch Wheels
- Parking Brake
- Owner's Manual

NOTICE

Store your carrier and its components in a safe dry place so that when they are needed, they are in the best possible condition.

4.2 UNFOLDING THE CARRIER

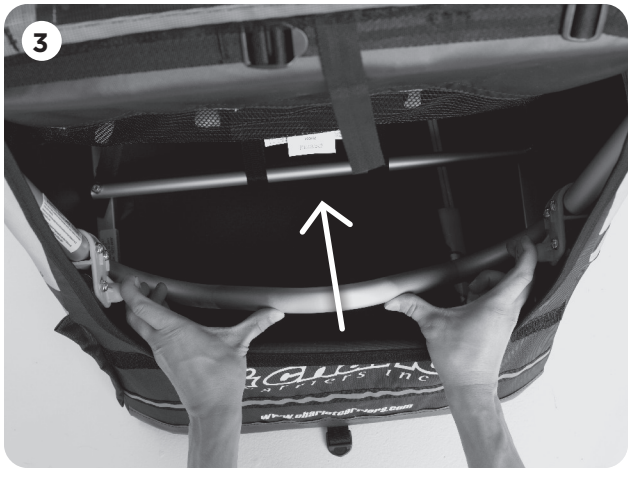


A. Undo the fold locking strap.
B. With one hand on the upper frame and the other hand on the lower frame, pull the two halves apart. (See image 1)
C. With one hand on the upper frame and the other hand on the back frame, pull the back frame rearward until the auto-lock discs engage. (See image 2)
D. Verify that the carrier's frame is locked by giving the back frame a push inwards.

WARNING

Ensure that all the locking devices are engaged before use.

4.3 FOLDING THE CARRIER



A. With two hands, pull or release the auto-lock discs on both sides of the back frame. With the locks released, give the back frame a sharp push inwards. (See image 3)
B. With one hand on the upper frame and the other hand on the carrier axle, push the two halves together.
C. Redo the fold locking strap.

WARNING

Care must be taken when folding and unfolding this child carrier to prevent finger entrapment. Ensure children are clear of any moving parts, otherwise they may be injured.

4.4 INSTALLING THE PARKING BRAKE

A. Remove the wheels from the chassis.
B. Fold the chassis.
C. Lay the chassis on its roof on a clean sturdy surface.
D. With the screwdriver and 7/16" wrench remove the locking nut and white nylon washer from the bolt on the brake lever.
E. Insert the bolt along with the black bushing and brake lever through the hole at the back of the chassis. (See image 1)
F. Place the white nylon washer and the nut back onto the bolt from inside the carrier and tighten it until one screw thread is exposed.
G. With the wrench remove the locking nuts on both of the bolts on the back corners of the chassis.
H. Insert the bolts on the back corners of the chassis through the holes on the brake arms. (See image 2)
I. Place the locking nuts back onto the bolts on the back corners of the chassis and tighten them until one thread is exposed. (See image 2)

4.5 INSTALLING THE WHEELS

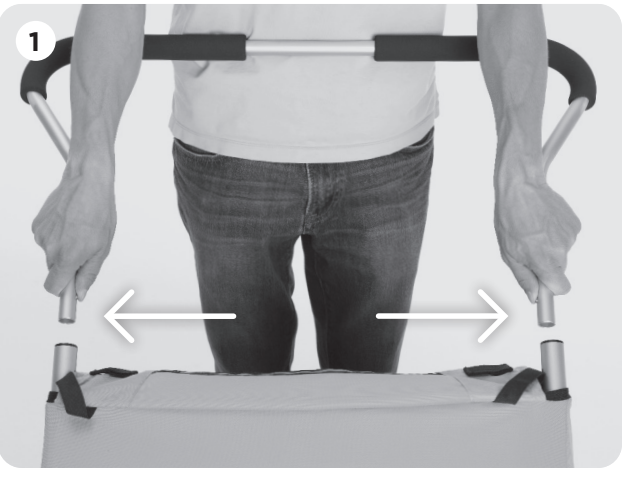
A. Disengage the parking brake.
B. Insert a wheel axle into an axle socket. (See image 3)
C. Press the wheel axle fully into the axle socket.
D. Verify that the wheel is securely attached to the carrier by giving it a sharp pull.
E. Repeat for the other wheel.
F. Using a tire pressure gauge check the air pressure in each tire. The minimum recommended tire pressure is 30 psi (2.1 bar) and the maximum is 35 psi (2.5 bar).
G. If air pressure is too low in either one of the tires fill them up using a bicycle tire pump.

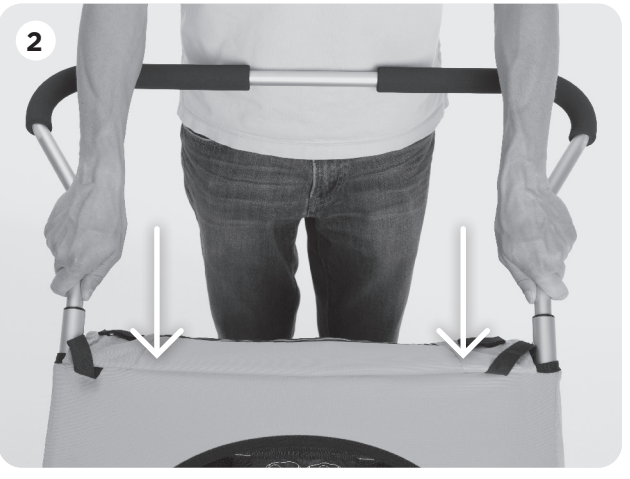
WARNING

Before each journey make sure that both of the wheels are securely locked in the carrier axle.

4.6 REMOVING THE WHEELS

A. Disengage the parking brake.
B. Pull and hold the wheel release lever on one end of the carrier axle. (See image 1)
C. Pull the wheel out of the carrier axle.
D. Repeat for the other wheel.





NOTICE

The HeightRight™ adjustable handlebar has two positions; high and low. Remove the handlebar and turn it over to change between these two positions.

WARNING

Any load attached to the handle affects the stability of the child carrier.

4.7 INSTALLING THE HANDLEBAR

A. Position the handlebar behind the carrier with the handles pointing rearwards.
B. With both hands press and hold the spring pins in on both ends of the handlebar. (See image 1)
C. Slide both ends of the handlebar into the upper frame of the carrier. Allow the spring pins to pass inside the upper frame. (See image 2)
D. Slide the handlebar into the upper frame until the spring pins engage.
E. Verify that the handlebar is securely attached to the carrier by giving it a sharp pull - it should not pull out.
F. To remove the handlebar; press both of the spring pins through the upper frame and pull the handlebar out. Repeat this process to remove the brake handle from the handlebar.

4.8 INSTALL A CTS™ CONVERSION KIT

A. Select a CTS™ conversion kit from the following:
   - CTS Strolling Kit
   - CTS Jogging Kit
   - CTS Bicycle Trailer Kit
   - CTS Hiking Kit
B. Install and use the selected kit according to the instructions included with the CTS™ Conversion Kits.

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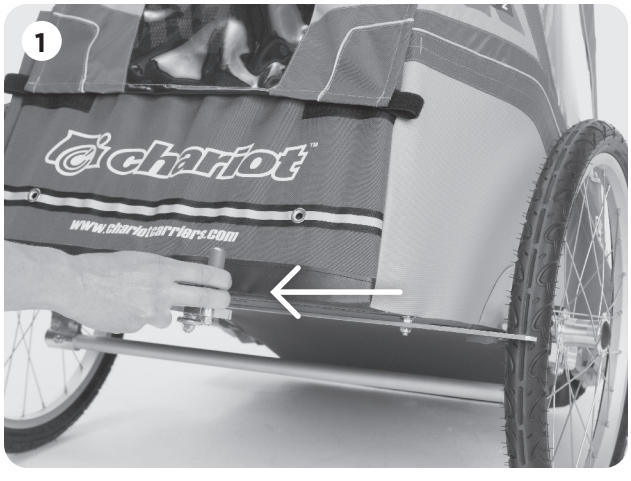
USE & FEATURES

5.0 SETTING THE PARKING BRAKE



A. Grasp the red handle on the brake lever and swing it to the left. (See image 1)
B. After engaging the brake always verify that the parking brake is working - the carrier should not roll forwards or backwards.
C. Grasp the red handle on the brake lever and swing it to the right to release the parking brake. (See image 2)

WARNING

Never leave your child unattended in this child carrier.

The parking brake should always be engaged during the loading and unloading of children.

5.1 USING THE TWO-IN ONE COVER

A. To improve the air flow inside the carrier; roll up the plastic window. Use the elastic rings at the top of the cover to keep the window up.
B. To keep the elements out of the carrier; unroll the plastic window. Use the velcro at the bottom of the cover to keep the window closed.
C. To open the cover, release both straps on the front corners of the carrier.
D. To close the cover, attach both straps on the front corners of the carrier. (See image 1)
E. To remove the cover from the carrier; remove the handlebar, open the cover, and slide the top of the cover up, off of the upper frame.
F. To put the cover back on the carrier; remove the handlebar and slide the holes at the top of the cover back over the upper frame.

WARNING

The user of this child carrier must be aware of exposure hazards such as wind chill and heat exhaustion, either by less active children in prolonged exposure in colder temperatures, or by extended periods in warmer temperatures without adequate ventilation or hydration.

WARNING

When this child carrier is used as a cycle trailer, the weather cover should be closed to prevent debris from entering the carrier.

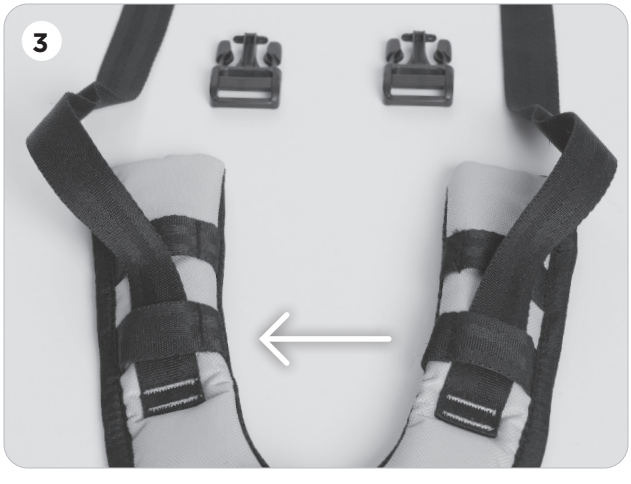
5.2 ADJUSTING THE PADDED SHOULDER HARNESS

A. Undo the two buckles located at the top of the padded shoulder harness. (See image 1)
B. Unbuckle the padded shoulder harness from the crotch strap and remove it from the carrier.
C. Place the padded shoulder harness on your child's chest so that the Chariot logo is positioned over their lower chest and the two upper straps are pointed up. (See image 2)
D. Determine which loop is in line with the top of your child's shoulders. If the loops on the upper straps are already in line with the top of your child's shoulders skip to Step H.
E. Remove both of the buckles from the upper straps.
F. Increase or decrease the number of loops the upper straps are fed through until the straps are both in the loops in line with the top of your child's shoulders. (See image 3)
G. Put both of the buckles back onto the upper straps.
H. Buckle the padded shoulder harness back onto the crotch strap.

WARNING

Always make sure you thread the belt through correctly (see illustration above). If this is not the case, the belt could slip out of the buckle resulting in the seat belt failing in which your passenger(s) could suffer serious injury or death.

Whenever you thread the belt through again, always give it a good pull to check that it cannot be pulled out of the buckle.



5.3 CHILD PLACEMENT AND SEATBELT

A. Engage the parking brake. (See image 1)
B. Open the two-in-one cover.
C. Adjust the shoulder harness. (See section 5.2)
D. Loosen all of the belt adjustments.
E. Undo the buckle on the waist belt.
F. Undo the two buckles located at the top of the padded shoulder harness, leaving it attached to the crotch belt.
G. Seat your child(ren). (See image 2)
H. Slide the shoulder belt height adjustment located on the vertical web straps, in the seat back, to the same height as your child(ren)'s shoulders. (See image 3)
I. Lift up the shoulder harness and connect the buckles over each shoulder. Be careful not to pinch your child's neck.
J. Adjust the system using the crotch strap and shoulder length adjustments until the Chariot logo located on the shoulder harness is positioned over their lower chest.
K. Buckle the waist belt(s) around their hips. The waist belt goes in front of the crotch belt and the buckle should be centered. (See image 3)
L. Snugly tighten all belts.

WARNING

Always use the crotch strap in combination with the waist belt.

This seat unit is not suitable for children under 6 months. Use a harness as soon as your child can sit unaided.

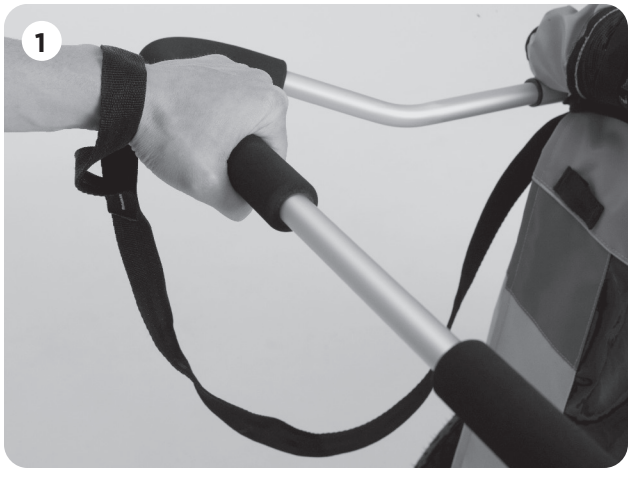
Do not add a pad thicker than 10 mm.

Check that the seat unit attachment devices are correctly engaged before use.

NOTICE

When seating a single child in a Cabriolet always seat the child in the center position, use the center waist belt, remove one of the shoulder harnesses and fasten the remaining shoulder harness to the middle buckles.

5.4 USING THE SAFETY WRIST STRAP



A. Loop the free end of the safety wrist strap around your wrist to prevent the child carrier from becoming separated from you. (See image 1)
B. When not in use stow the free end of the safety wrist strap inside the large cavity in the back of the carrier.

WARNING

Failure to use the safety wrist strap could cause the carrier to become separated from you resulting in an accident in which your passenger(s) could suffer serious injury or death.

5.5 USING THE SUNSCREEN

A. To enclose the back of child carrier, roll the back flap down the back of the carrier. Use the velcro at the bottom of the back flap to keep it closed.
B. To shade inside the child compartment; roll the back flap down the front of the carrier. Use the velcro at the bottom of the sunscreen to keep it closed. (See image 2)
C. To completely open up the front and back of the child carrier, roll the back flap up. Use the elastic rings at the top of the back flap to keep it up.

5.6 USING THE SIDE VENTS

A. To further improve the air flow inside the carrier; pull one or both of the side vents open. (See image 3)
B. To keep the elements out of the carrier; press the side vents closed. Use the velcro along the edges to keep the vents closed.

5.7 STORAGE

Your carrier is equipped with the following storage compartments:

A. One large cavity in the back. (See image 1)
B. Two small mesh pockets inside the carrier at the front. (See image 2)

NOTICE

The maximum load capacity of the cargo bag is 4 kg (8.8 pounds).

The handlebar console accessory allows the carrier to carry an additional 1 kg (2.2 pounds) on the handlebar.

WARNING

Do not carry extra children or bags on this child carrier.

6 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

6.0 ACCESSORIES

There are numerous accessories that are compatible with your Chariot:

- Hydration Cage
- Chariot Cup Holder
- Fender Kit
- Jogging Brake
- Axle-Mount ezHitch Partial
- Shimano Internal Hub Hitch Adapter
- SRAM Internal Hub Hitch Adapter
- Cargo Rack
- Infant Sling
- All-Season Bunting Bag
- Baby Supporter
- Baby Bivy
- Multi-Functional Handlebar Console
- Storage Cover
- Rain Cover

Contact your local dealer or visit our website: www.chariotcarriers.com for more information.

6.1 SERVICE AND CARE

Regularly inspect your child carrier, CTS™ Conversion Kit(s) and accessories for damage and signs of wear.

Metal Components
Check for any dents or cracks. Do not use the child carrier if any metal components are cracked or damaged.

Fasteners
Regularly examine the child carrier to see if any of the fasteners are bent, broken, missing or loose. Tighten any loose fasteners and replace any damaged or missing fasteners.

Fabric
Examine the fabric regularly for tears, worn spots or any other signs of damage. Any holes in the fabric could allow a child's hand to come into contact with the wheels or road surface.

Wheels
Clean the wheel axles and apply grease or oil to all exposed moving parts. Have the wheels inspected and serviced at least once a year.

It is highly recommended that you take your child carrier into an authorized service provider once a year to keep it in the best possible condition.

Regularly clean the child carrier with warm water and a mild soapy solution. Never use harsh cleansers or solvents.

WARNING
The proper service and care of this child carrier affects the performance and safety of it.

6.2 STORAGE

Store your child carrier, CTS conversion kit(s) and accessories in a dry area out of direct sunlight. If possible, hang the child carrier up off of the ground. Before storing your child carrier, it should be dry to prevent the growth of mold or bacteria. Do not store the wheels in contact with the windows. Do not store the child carrier coupled to a bicycle for long periods of time.

6.3 WEAR AND TEAR

This child carrier is very durable and allows you to transport your child(ren) for long periods of time. It is subject to wear and tear over time depending on several factors.

Use and Milage
The more often this child carrier is used and the farther it goes the more it will wear.

Service and Care
Keeping this child carrier clean and well maintained is an important factor in keeping it in good condition.

Storage
Storing this child carrier properly will reduce the amount of wear, especially to the fabric.

Type of Use
Hard cornering, fast acceleration and braking all contribute to premature wear of various components especially brakes and tires.

Weather
Various weather conditions affect individual components differently. Direct sunlight prematurely wears the fabric, windows and rubber wheels. Salt in the air or on the road affects the wheel rims and fabric floor. Dirt and mud can get into moving parts and contribute to wear as well.

Extreme use of this carrier may lead to premature wear. The way this child carrier is used and cared for will greatly affect how quickly it wears.

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